WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A process for producing a carbonized product used for producing activated carbon for an electrode of an electric double-layer capacitor, comprising the steps of subjecting a condensed polycyclic aromatic pitch having an optical anisotropic rate Oa in a range of 1 % ≤ Oa ≤ 90 % and a softening point Ts in a range of 140°C ≤ Ts ≤ 260°C to an oxygen crosslinking treatment at a heating temperature Th set at Th < 260°C to provide an organic material for a carbonized product having a light component content L equal to or larger than 14.5 % by weight, and subjecting the organic material to a carbonizing treatment at a temperature-raising rate Rt set at Rt ≥ 500°C/h and at a heating temperature Th set in a range 600°C ≤ Th ≤ 1,000°C for a heating time t set at t ≤ 2 hr.

2. An organic material for a carbonized product, which is produced by subjecting a condensed polycyclic aromatic pitch having an optical anisotropic rate Oa in a range of 1 % ≤ Oa ≤ 90 % and a softening point Ts in a range of 140°C ≤ Ts ≤ 260°C to an oxygen crosslinking treatment at a heating temperature Th set at Th < 260°C, and which has a light component content L equal to or higher than 14.5 % by weight.

3. An organic material for a carbonized product according

to claim 2, wherein said condensed polycyclic aromatic pitch has an optical anisotropic rate Oa lower than 50 %.